

Daniel Watson House
5 Russell Street (moved to 30 Elmwood Ave.)
Cambridge
Middlesex County
Massachusetts

HABS No. MA-868

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Middlesex	TOWN OR VICINITY Cambridge
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Daniel Watson House		HABS NO. MA-868
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 5 Russell Street (moved to 30 Elmwood Avenue)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ca. 1757	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not known	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Rare surviving example of a pre-Revolutionary Cambridge farmhouse. The land had been in the Watson family since the seventeenth century. This house stayed in the Watson family ownership until 1855.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Clapboards over heavy timber framing		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 35' (five-bay front) x 20', two-and-a-half stories		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gambrel roof now covered in asphalt shingles with original cornice		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Center-hall plan with one room on each side; stairs and passageways in former chimney areas; paneled fireplace walls.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES before 1830: house moved from original site closer to Mass.Ave. to Russell St. site 1874-1886: offset ell added at northwest corner; demolished 1964 1903-1916: bay windows flanking front entrance were added (cont'd in Other Info below)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE (cont'd from Major Alterations above) 20th century: entrance portico and front door altered date unknown: three front dormers added 1965: house dismantled, re-erected and restored at Elmwood Ave. site		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Lucius R. Paige, <u>History of Cambridge, Massachusetts</u> (Boston, 1877), 679-681. <u>An Historic Guide to Cambridge</u> , compiled by D.A.R. (Cambridge, 1907), 146-149.		
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